

Garner Town Council
Work Session Summary
July 28, 2015

The Garner Town Council met in a Work Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 in the Town Hall Council Meeting Room.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro Tem Marshburn, Council Members Behringer, Kennedy, Johns and Singleton

B. DISCUSSION

1. Plantings/Flowers on US 70/401

Presenter: Rodney Dickerson, Assistant Town Manager and Jeff Triezenberg, Assistant Planning Director

Action: Consensus of Council to remove the shrubs in the median east of Aversboro Road to WakeMed Garner and re-seed and install flower beds around the "Welcome to Garner" signs located at US 70 East and US 70 West.

2. 2015 Retreat Follow-Up

Presenter: Hardin Watkins, Town Manager

Action: Update presented. Additional items to the 2015 Strategic Action Plan:

- Staff to measure gap in NC 50 DOT bridge on a regular basis.
- Staff to make inquiries to NCDOT regarding alternatives to the order in which 540 is constructed and report back to Council.
- Staff will contact County Manager to schedule meeting with County Commissioners and Town Council; Council will set 4 topics to discuss.
- Council Member Marshburn will participate in the Transit Meeting scheduled for August 7, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
- Council Member Marshburn, liaison to GEDC, will ask GEDC Board to explore options for weed control at Garner Technology Site.

3. Cloverdale Traffic Calming

Presenter: Tony Chalk, Town Engineer

Action: Consensus of Council to place on August 18 consent agenda to approve traffic calming measures on Meadowbrook Drive in the Cloverdale Subdivision.

4. Early Voting

Presenter: Hardin Watkins, Town Manager

Action: Consensus of Council to send letter to Board of Elections requesting cancellation of early voting in Garner if early voting is available at the Board of Elections office.

5. Main Street Sidewalk Project – Additions/Improvements

Presenter: Hardin Watkins, Town Manager

Action: Consensus of Council to place on August 18 agenda for approval to move forward with project as recommended.

6. New Police Department Grand Opening

Presenter: Brandon Zuidema, Chief

Chief Zuidema informed Council of the combination of a grand opening for the new police station and a 9/11 remembrance ceremony. Council Member Singleton expressed concerns about having a combined ceremony. After discussion and consensus, Council requested the combined program be no more than 25 minutes.

C. REPORTS

1. Neighborhood Improvement Update

Presenter: Reginald Buie, Neighborhood Improvement Manager

Action: No action; report presented.

D. OTHER REPORTS

Council Member Behringer asked to have the hedges/trees along US 70 West near the Forest Hills Shopping Center trimmed or thinned out in order to better view the shopping center. Council Member Kennedy asked that staff photograph the area and present options to Council.

Council consensus to place item on the August 25 Work Session to determine items of discussion for a meeting with Wake County Public School System.

Mr. Watkins will provide an update at a Council meeting regarding renovations and temporary relocation of the Southeast Regional Library pending receipt of the memorandum of understanding from Wake County.

Chief Zuidema presented an artist rendering of an 80' wide x 6'8" tall mural by Vince Wood that will be placed on the wall of the police station that faces 7th Avenue.

Council Member Behringer requested staff to investigate methods of preventing dirt from washing away from the stone wall at corner of West Garner Road and Avery Street.

Mr. Watkins will call Drury staff again to get an update on the status of the Drury Inn project.

E. ADJOURNMENT – 9:46 p.m.